ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House. Mr. A. Thanu Pillai writes to say as follows :—

> "I intend asking for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely, the situation created by the pronouncement by the Dewan on 29-11-1113 in the Assembly to the effect that the Travancore State Congress is disloyal and subversive."

I proceed to give my ruling.

In the first place, I hold that this matter is not one of *urgent* public importance. It will be noticed that in answer to an interpellation by an honourable member of the Legislature, the Chief Secretary to Government on the first day, *viz.*, Monday, definitely stated and reiterated the position that in the opinion of Government the activities of the State Congress were regarded as disloyal and subversive and if honourable members thought that a situation had been created by that answer which was given by the Chief Secretary as the mouth piece of Government and given in as authoritative a manner as the pronouncement by the Dewan-President yesterday, the right time for moving an adjournment motion was yesterday; and therefore this is not a matter of urgent importance.

It has been definitely ruled more than once that no motion for adjournment must revive a matter which has already been discussed. It is seen under Rule 21 (3) that the motion must not deal with a matter which has been discussed in the same session. In the course of questions and answers, on Monday, this matter has been discussed, and therefore this motion for adjournment of the House has been discussed in the same session and cannot be allowed. Therefore, under Rule 21(3) also this adjournment motion is not permissible.

The next point for disallowance is that no motion for adjournment should be made on a matter which is in the absolute discretion of the Dewan. It will be noticed that under the rules the Dewan-President has got the right to address the Assembly before putting a question to the vote of the House. That will be clear from paragraph 67 (1). The President addressed the Assembly yesterday before putting the question to the vote, and in that matter he has absolute discretion under the rules. This is another ground for disallowing the motion.

My last ground for disallowance is that the decision of Government has proceeded on materials not entirely before the House. Government have definite and confidential information regarding the activities of the State Congress both in the State and outside the State and it was with reference to that that I came to the deliberate conclusion which was adumbrated in my statement yesterday. As those materials have not been and cannot be placed before the House, that is another ground for disallowing the motion.

Lastly, my idea is that the discussion of the motion is not expedient on public grounds.

On all these grounds, I rule that the motion is out of order.

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